Over a dozen lawmakers have given their vote to NANCY PELOSI on every single bill since this scheme was in place. Last night, the number was over 60 Democrats. Nearly one-third of the entire conference of the Democratic Party did not show up for work. I promise you, each and every one of them will get their paycheck.

Mr. Speaker, Americans are working hard to keep their businesses open, to keep food on the table and their kids in school. They deserve a Representative who will show up for the job, the job that they said they would do, the job they asked people to vote for them so they would come to Washington to give their voice to Congress, not to give it to Nancy Pelosi.

Mr. Speaker, this is embarrassing. This week is only about cats and cannabis when it should be about COVID. Think for one moment of what we are going to do in this body with the history of what has happened on this floor: the battle of civil rights; the question of whether to end World War I or World War II; the question of whether every man and woman is equal. Those are the things that we debate on this floor. And they were debated in the times of need.

But what is of need to the American public? We all know the challenges faced before us. We have been fighting it for months. But 40 times on this floor the Democrats have said no.

Mr. Speaker, our own Speaker of the House said we would not leave this body until we voted on COVID relief. They had 40 times to do it, and they said no.

Mr. Speaker, 4,836 times a Member didn't even show to cast a vote, and they still got paid. What about all those businesses that are shut down now permanently? There is more than \$130 billion sitting to go to the workers for small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, 23 Democrats on the other side signed a letter in September and said: If we do not get a COVID relief bill, we will sign that discharge petition.

And what does that do for the American public? It goes around the Speaker of the House so the voice could actually come to the floor and the bill could be here and voted upon. And they said they would sign it if nothing happened. I wonder if their word will be kept, because I looked at the book and it hasn't.

The Speaker of the House said we would not leave unless we had COVID relief. But they call us back, and what do they call us back for? The post office.

Well, Republicans put up COVID relief on the floor that day, but Democrats said no. They call us back this week when people are hurting, people are losing their jobs. Maybe that is why one-third of the Democrats don't show, because they don't want to show their face to the constituents, that the only thing they are going to do on the floor this week is vote about cats and cannabis.

Mr. Speaker, that is wrong, and you know it. Everybody in this body knows it. It is despicable.

If Democrats want to waste the American people's time with these ridiculous bills, they will need to show up to do it. Republicans won't be a party to this unconstitutional, undemocratic mess any longer.

PROXY VOTING

(Mr. BIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that I have sat here and listened to some of the 1 minutes from my friends across the aisle, and they are talking about the need for COVID relief.

Apparently, to get COVID relief, you have got to have cannabis. You have got to have pot. That is the Democrats' version of COVID relief this week.

But they don't feel like they all need to be here to deal with this issue, so they are going to mail it in. They are going to phone in their votes, and, quite frankly, in a most disturbing and unconstitutional manner.

Mr. Speaker, we can be here; they should be here. If this meant everything that they say it does, they would show up. They would show up and vote.

We could have had committee hearings, for Pete's sakes. We could have committee hearings where we could discuss and debate. We would have floor debates with open rules. And you know what? People would show up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Biggs).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 5, nays 220, not voting 205, as follows:

[Roll No. 229]

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